

HARDING OPENS FRONT PORCH CAMPAIGN WITH PLEA FOR SOLIDARITY OF PURPOSE

Political Issues Put Aside by G. O. P. Nominee to Make Room for a Heart-to-Heart Talk on Americanism—Favors Modification of Excess Profits Tax

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)
MARION, Ohio, July 31.—Turning from the political issues in the forefront of the campaign, Senator Harding took for the theme of his first front porch speech today a plea for solidarity of purpose and mutual good understanding among all classes and geographical sections.

"Only a spirit of co-mingling friendship," he said, "could produce the full realization of mutual interdependence necessary to attain the nation's highest destinies. He pleaded that East, West North and South and the jealousies of class and selfish interest be forgotten in peace, as in war."

Declares for Tax Modification
The nominee declared the excess profits tax schedule should be modified to accord with peace requirements and that he would not hesitate to ask congress for prompt action. He added, however, that he was "not yet prepared to suggest an equitable substitute."

The speech was delivered to a delegation from Mansfield, Ohio, which came up in marching order and serenaded the candidate with four hands. In the crowd were many known personally to the candidate, and they cheered him as he held up their conception of neighborliness as model for the nation. In a short address, granting E. C. Caplier of Mansfield, old Senator Harding said that many Democrats were in the delegation.

After the nominee's response he came down the steps of the porch with Mrs. Harding, who had stood behind him during the speech, and they shook hands for a half hour.

Today's speech marked the formal opening of the front porch campaign. Two more Ohio delegations are to be received next week, and two later dates have been announced.

Harding's Address
"We ought to bear in mind that we have a full share of taxation," Senator Harding said, "and we will. Having this thought in mind and also thinking of the excessive cost of living, I do not if the excess profits tax is not precisely accomplishes the end we seek in peace. I would gladly recommend a change, but I am not yet prepared to suggest an equitable substitute, though I should have no hesitancy in asking congress to seek the earliest possible solution."

The league of nations he did not refer to directly, but he declared the nation's "highest duty is to cling to the fundamentals on which we bailed, and hold fast to the nationality which inspired our fathers."

"It is with a keen sense of delight that I welcome your visit today," said Senator Harding.

"We need to cultivate friendliness and neighborliness. I sometimes think in this busy, work-a-day world we are neglecting those little acts of neighborliness that make life sweet and worth while."

"I feel myself almost a part of Richland county. Our people, early in the last century, settled in a section that was bounded by Richland and Crawford counties, and my earliest recollections are of grists taken to Lexington for grinding. I recall distinctly the stories of my great grandmother, who related to me how she had often gone with one bag of wheat on horseback while the men were busy in the fields, and the cries of the wolves were a frequent accompaniment to the weary homeward journey. Those were the days when heroes were without fame's acclaim, when a sturdy manhood and womanhood were battling with the wilderness."

"The special thought in my mind today is the inter-dependence and the mutual interest of all our people. The Pilgrin fathers laid their foundations of New World liberty in grim necessity, and the same spirit, the same concord, the same mutually followed every pioneering step in the development of the republic."

Cautions Against Class Distinction
"The tendency to class consciousness is a product of developing fortunes, and both a reflection of achievement and a menace to maintained progress. We must caution against class distinction and class conflict at every step."

"I can recall 40 years ago, flayed from the fields of Richland and Crawford. That was before industry developed the home consumer, that was before railways and improved highways opened the way to markets. That was when farming was a fight for subsistence, instead of the present day pursuit of attainment."

"I trust no one will misquote me as saying I believe in class distinction, because I have indulged my memory. Sometimes we are very unfair in handling the utterances of public men. I remember, when the senate was discussing the war-time guarantee of wheat, when we felt we ought to give the American farmer that assurance which would encourage a seedling to guard against war famine, a western senator was arguing that wheat could not be raised for less than \$2.50 a bushel. I interrupted him to say that I would recall the low level of prices in previous days, had rejoiced to get a dollar for their wheat. I was speaking of normal days prior to the war. You will bear me witness that I speak fairly and correctly. Yet there are those today who seek to convey that I said a dollar a bushel is enough for wheat today."

"Pardon the diversion. I am recalling the old time low level of prices in the call at the same time the people's ability to buy and to remind you that the farm prices, mounting wages, mounting taxes, and a grim mutualism will ultimately assert itself no matter what."

Must Look Into Future
"There is no living today to tomorrow. According to the standards of yesterday, normal being is looking for a little while ago our nation has entered the twentieth century of the federal government and the direct burdens. But the old time low level of prices is still a part of the trade, which is in the hands of government and financial interests."

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MAIRY LEAVES; IRISH RABBITERS FIGHT GREEN

Brawls and Fistic Encounters Mark Departure of Aged Prelate Bound for Ireland Longshoremen Meet Taunts with Fists

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NEW YORK, July 31.—Daniel J. Mannix, archbishop of Melbourne and advocate of Irish freedom, tonight was many miles at sea aboard the Baltic, steaming toward whatever fate awaits him in Ireland—his native land—a visit to which has been forbidden him by the British government on his journey to Rome to see the pope.

His friend and fellow countryman, Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," who was thought to be planning to accompany the prelate, was left behind.

Raised on the shoulders of a great crowd of Irish sympathizers—who yelled themselves hoarse in tribute to the national crisis hung over us, but we must work a readjustment for stabilized and prosperous peace.

"It is good that our prodigious interests are diversified. In that lies our great strength as a nation. The manufacturing centers and the food producing areas complement and supplement each other. There is not and there must be no conflict between them. There is a disposition of some to inveigh against one section or another, as selfish interest may suggest, but the broad national welfare contemplates no east and no west, no north and no south."

"I rejoice to recall that when the great world was summoned our sons to duty and to death, perhaps, there was no question about geography. 'By cultivating the spirit of friendship, the problems of life are made much easier for all. There is a growing tendency to look to government for remedies, forgetting there are natural laws that will operate to correct evils, if given a fair chance. Oftentimes well-meaning laws defeat the very object they are designed to accomplish.'"

"Our country holds out opportunity to all but upon the supreme condition that those who would avail themselves of that opportunity shall be entirely worthy, and know and accept fully the spirit of American institutions."

Hours before the ship sailed, men, women and children carrying American and Irish flags and signs mocking Premier Lloyd George, assembled. The prelate was forced virtually to fight his way through the throng to get to the gangway.

Then trouble began. An Englishman standing on the upper deck hurled a taunt at the archbishop. In a second, husky longshoremen climbed up the ship like flies and pummeled the passenger. Only a few were able to get down. The rest were left on the ship, and the Irishmen brought rescue to the stranded Britisher.

This was the most spectacular of the brawls. Every insult to the Irish republic was met with a punch, and there was many a sore head.

Ordinarily only those who have passed from the customs authorities are permitted within the fenced enclosure around the gangway on sailing days. Today, however, the Archdiocese of Mannix defied regulations. They rushed from their feet the regular guards and before police reserves could arrive they were all but on the ship. Prompt preparations to lift the gates prevented demonstrators getting aboard.

Ask Equalization of Rail-Water Rates To Relieve Congestion
(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
ALEX., Iowa, July 31.—Equalization of water and rail freight rates on grain and farm products from Chicago to Buffalo and New York was asked today by the Iowa farm bureau education executive committee in a telegram to the interstate commerce commission.

It was made in an effort to find some means of relieving the general freight congestion, especially as it affects Iowa and points west of Chicago.

Reports to the conference were that the present freight tariffs by rail to Buffalo are less than by water from Chicago, with the result that boats are not being used for the transportation of grain and farm products as much as they might, and probably would be if the rates were the same. It was the opinion of speakers that use of the water route would not only relieve the rail traffic from Chicago eastward, but also would work out to cause quicker return of freight cars sent to the eastern markets.

TO TAKE CHARGE
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Dr. Hugh S. Cummings, surgeon general of the army, was named today to take charge of the national conference of state and city health officers which meets Aug. 3 and 4 to consider measures for eradicating the bubonic plague.

HUNGARIAN FORCE ATTACKS ARSENAL IN MOTOR TRUCKS
VIENNA, July 30.—A Hungarian force of more than 500 armed and uniformed men crossed the Austrian frontier today, overpowered the guards and raided the Furstenfeld arsenal, seizing 2,000 rifles, 2,000 uniforms and 21 machine guns. The raiders returned to Hungary with the booty on motor trucks.

The government has protested to the Hungarian minister demanding punishment of the raiders, return of the loot, an apology and payment of damages. It has also communicated the facts to the foreign mission.

It is feared that in other raids of other arsenals the raiders obtained more than 4,000 small arms. An official account asserts that Hungarian and Austrian reactionaries plotted the raid, which was thoroughly organized.

TWO THROES COX ENDS WORK UPON ADDRESS

Candidate Withholds Any Comment on Charges of Harding Regarding Fund For Campaign Purposes

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
DAYTON, Ohio, July 31.—Finishing his address at the clubhouse for next Saturday, Governor Cox today sought recreation after his week's work and prepared to turn to other campaign affairs.

The speech comprises about 10,000 words according to estimates of something over a newspaper page and something in excess of that of Senator Harding. The governor spent an afternoon on the golf links.

After finishing his speech, Governor Cox today received two visitors, Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, with whom he discussed economics, and Secretary Vandyke of Pennsylvania Democratic committee.

Withholds Comment
Governor Cox continued to withhold comment on the statement of Senator Harding charging the Democrats with seeking to obscure the league of nations issue and declaring champions of the league with international interests were behind the Democratic campaign.

Next week the governor is expected to reply to P. P. Christensen, of Salt Lake City, Farmer-Labor candidate, regarding the request for aid in securing a pardon for Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist candidate.

Expect White
George White, chairman of the Democratic national committee is expected late next week for conferences with the governor prior to the notification. The special campaign committee of 15, it is believed will be announced soon after. It is understood that direct management of the campaign under Mr. White will be in the hands largely of E. H. Moore of Youngstown, Ohio, Governor Cox's pre-convention manager; Senator Harrison of Mississippi, chairman of the speakers' bureau; and W. W. Marsh of Iowa, treasurer.

The league of nations was discussed by Governor Cox and Professor Fisher, who said he would see Senator Harding tomorrow or Monday. Several authors, publicists and scientific men, Professor Fisher said, are forming a new league to advocate America's entrance into the league of nations. He said it was hoped to announce officers in a week or ten days.

Many Parties
Stories told the police by Miss Hulda Johnson, housekeeper for Loftis, indicated that the party which resulted in his death was only one of many in his apartment. Broken whiskey and beer bottles and other signs of revelry and debauchery were found by her, she said.

She termed the apartment a "girl trap" and declared Loftis had entertained 50 girls there since January 1. One bedroom was fitted up as a boudoir for women, she said, equipped with feminine necessities and a dressing room. She said she had seen many girls there, but she did not know their names.

Despite announcements today that Shayne would be released on his own recognizance, he still was held late tonight, being questioned further concerning his statements that "Loftis had died, apparently tripping" as he entered the apartment in response to Miss Woods' telephone call.

She said she was satisfied that Miss Woods was alone with Loftis at his death and that the body was cold, apparently dead for some time, when the police arrived. She said she had seen the body of Loftis, which she said was "apparently tripping" as he entered the apartment in response to Miss Woods' telephone call.

Speculators Blamed For Exorbitant Coal Prices After Probe
(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Blame for exorbitant coal prices was placed on speculators in a statement today by the National Coal association. Federal trade commission figures, giving the average sale prices at the bituminous mines during April as \$3.26, it said, "indicate the slender average of profit per ton realized by the industry."

Mine cost was placed at \$2.76 by the commission. The statement pointed out, adding that the 50 cent margin between the cost and selling price was not net profit, for from it must be deducted interest on borrowed capital and other expenses.

"The blame for exorbitant prices lies in the activity of speculators," declared the statement, which added that the shortage of coal in transit, sometimes resulting in a "higher price to be tacked on two or three times."

"With the priority orders of the interstate commerce commission stimulating the movement of coal to the great lakes and to New England," concluded the statement, "the bituminous coal operators believe that the coal shortage, crisis soon will be straightened out."

GENERAL LEAVES
TIPPERARY, Ireland, July 31.—Brig. Gen. C. H. Lucas, who arrived Thursday night after escaping from Sinn Feiners who kidnapped him over a month ago, left today. His departure was surrounded by features in keeping with his escape, which was followed by a fight with raiders near Oola.

He traveled in a touring car escorted by armored cars, each carrying two machine guns and ten men armed with rifles. An airplane acted as scout. The destination of the general was not announced, but it is reported he will go to England.

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LOS ANGELES, July 31.—Many former followers of the late President Carranza are involved in a plot to make Governor Esteban Cantu, president of Mexico, Eduardo Ruiz, representative here of the provisional government of Mexico, said today.

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WAGE INCREASE BURDEN PASSED ON TO PUBLIC

Interstate Commerce Commission Grants Railroads Rate Increases Totalling One And a Half Billion Dollars—Freight Passenger and Pullman Rates All Affected

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Authority for the railroads to increase revenues by approximately one and a half billion dollars was granted today by the interstate commerce commission. Freight rates will be advanced about one-third, passenger fares one-fifth and Pullman charges one-half.

Coastwise and inland steamship lines and electric railway companies also were granted an increase in freight rates in proportion to the increases granted railroads serving the same territory.

The new rates, to continue until March 1, 1922, will become effective on five days' notice by the carriers to the commission and the public, and they must be in operation before January 1. Since the government guarantee expires September 1, the carriers are expected to put the advances into effect by then.

Will Meet Wage Increase—Income
The increases are designed to offset the \$500,000,000 wage advance awarded by the railroad labor board and to provide the six per cent net income on the aggregate value of the railroad property under the transportation act. The aggregate value of all railroads was estimated by the commission at \$18,500,000,000, against a book valuation of \$20,940,000,000, given by the carriers.

The 20 per cent increase in passenger fares, excess baggage charges and milk transportation rates and the 50 per cent surcharge on Pullman fares will be general. Freight rate increases will vary according to territory with 40 per cent in the East, 25 per cent in the South, 35 per cent in the West, from the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains, and 25 per cent in mountain-Pacific territory—from east of the Rockies to the Pacific coast, not including Alaska.

Claim Increases Justified
The commission said that the increases were justified in view of the rapidly changing price conditions and the necessity for providing adequate transportation facilities during and after readjustment.

From figures submitted by the carriers, it was unofficially estimated that the transportation of the advances would be about \$1,285,300,000 in freight; \$228,800,000 on passengers; \$43,000,000 on Pullman; \$4,500,000 on excess baggage charges.

On the same calculations, eastern roads would get the most, receiving approximately \$42,830,000, as compared with \$59,453,000 for all the western lines, and \$135,298,000 for the southern carriers.

Every Man To Pay \$12 Yearly
Increased charges on freight alone were estimated as equalling a levy of \$12 per capita per annum for every woman, man and child, basing the nation's population at 105,000,000 for 1919.

Increases in passenger, Pullman and excess baggage rates were those asked by the roads.

Increases requested were 39.75 for the eastern roads, 32.93 for western roads and 39.91 for southern lines, the total estimated to yield \$1,285,300,000. Carriers will be very much gratified, the commission said, that they sought; the western roads approximately what they sought, but the southern roads received approximately 14 per cent less than they had requested.

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Provides for Improvements
The increases authorized, said the commission, are couched in such a way as to make additional one-half of one per cent of the aggregate value of the roads to make provisions for improvements, betterments and other matters not subject to capital account. The record leaves no doubt as to the needs of the country for additional transportation facilities. Carriers will be very much gratified, the commission said, that they sought; the western roads approximately what they sought, but the southern roads received approximately 14 per cent less than they had requested.

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WHEAT PRICES DROP TO LOWEST FIGURES SINCE 1914

Over 100,000,000 bushels of wheat are expected to be sold in the next few days

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CHICAGO, July 31.—Liquidation in all grains was on today and prices dropped sharply. Wheat led the procession, showing net loss of 10¢ to 13 cents, with December \$2.10 to \$2.12 and March \$2.12½ to \$2.13. Corn was down 2½ to 5½ cents with September \$1.34½ to \$1.35½ and December \$1.20½ to \$1.21½. Oats suffered a slump from \$1.08 to 8½ cents, while provisions also were lower.

Cutting of prices occupied most of the time of the traders in the wheat pit. There was lack of support, while the selling was general. Prices were the lowest since the government control went into effect. Farmers were reported to be marketing their grain as fast as they can, while exporters were said to be watching for prices to become more stable.

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High Altitude Too Much for Dearborn
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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 31.—The altitude of Pike's Peak resulted in the death of a hotel here this morning of Lorenzo P. Dearborn, 68 years old, a native of Massachusetts who came here a week today with his wife from Boston. His last Saturday, Dearborn went to the top of the peak with a party in an automobile. He left the party at the summit saying that he intended to walk down the automobile road. A short distance from Glen O'Brien, half way down the peak, Dearborn became exhausted.

According to A. A. Winsor, a Manitou, the attending physician, the dead man suffered from paralysis of the stomach. The high altitude, Dr. Winsor said, was the cause of the blood pressure which brought on the stroke. Dearborn had suffered two previous paralytic strokes, but each had been cured, his wife said. The body will be taken to Denver tomorrow morning for cremation.

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